

February 27, 2014

The Marion County Council held its regularly scheduled meeting, on Thursday, February 27, 2014 at 7:00 P.M., in the City Council Chambers City Hall, Marion, South Carolina. Members present were Buddy Collins, Chairman; Elista H. Smith, Vice Chairperson; Allen W. Floyd, Simon Jenkins, Thomas E. Shaw, and Milton W. Troy, II. Also present were G. Timothy Harper, Administrator; Charles L. McLain III, County Attorney; Sabrina Davis, Clerk to Council. A representative from the Star & Enterprise was not present and duly notified.

Chairman Collins called the meeting to order and asked Councilman Simon Jenkins to lead the Invocation, after which he welcomed visitors and read the Freedom of Information Announcement.

Motion was made by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, and carried unanimously, to approve as written, the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 18, 2014.

Councilman Allen W. Floyd stated for the record that he had a written proxy from Councilman John Q. Atkinson, Jr. voting in favor of all matters.

The County Attorney stated that items A & C third and second reading for the ordinances listed on the agenda as follows were not ready: A. Third Reading of Ordinance #2014-01 An Ordinance Establishing the Exclusive Means of Providing Emergency Ambulance Services within Marion County and Establishing the Terms and Conditions Upon which Non-Exclusive Franchises May be Granted to Private Ambulance Services Operating in Marion County, and Establishing the Procedures for Applying for such Franchises, the Payment of Franchise Fees, the Period of Operation Granted by such Franchise, Renewal Procedures, and the Standards which

will Apply to All Private Providers of Non-Emergency Patient Transport in Marion County, and the Standards Which Will Apply to all Private Providers that will perform Emergency Transfers of Patients from Marion County Medical Center in Marion County, and Establishing Appeals Procedures for the Denial or a Franchise Application, Disciplining a Franchise Denial of the Renewal of a Franchise, or the Termination or Restriction of Franchise Rights; Establishing Both Criminal and Civil Penalties for the Violation of this Ordinance, and Providing for the Right of the County Council to Seek Injunctive Relief to Prevent or Restrain Violations of this Ordinance, and Other Related Matters and Establishing this Franchise Agreement as a "Closed Franchise Agreement" By Limiting the number of Franchises Operating in Marion County. B. Second Reading of Ordinance #2014-02 To Provide for the Issuance and Sale of a Not Exceeding Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollar (\$750,000) Taxable General Obligation Bond of Marion County, South Carolina, To Prescribe the Purposes for Which the Proceeds of Said Bond Shall be Expended, to Provide for the payment of Said Bond, and Other Matters Relating Thereto. C. Second Reading of Ordinance #2014-03 An Ordinance to Authorize the Lease of the Marion County Tax Parcel Number 121-00-00-033-000, more commonly referred to as the Old Marion County Landfill at Ariel Crossroads to Benjie Andrew for the sole purpose of cattle grazing under the terms of the lease attached hereto and made a part hereof.

The County Attorney told Council that item B. on the agenda; Second Reading of Ordinance #2014-02 To Provide for the Issuance and Sale of a Not Exceeding Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollar (\$750,000) Taxable General Obligation Bond of Marion County, South Carolina, To Prescribe the Purposes for Which the Proceeds of Said Bond Shall be Expended, to Provide for the Payment of Said Bond, and Other Matters Relating Thereto was ready: Motion was made by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Floyd, and carried unanimously, to approve second reading of Ordinance #2014-02.

There were no reports given by Committee #1 or Committee #2.

The County Attorney had nothing to report.

The Administrator had nothing new to report in reference to the New Administration Building.

The Administrator updated Council on the Capital Sales Tax. Mr. Harper provided Council the bids in reference to the Nichols Town Hall and Library. Mr. Harper told Council that seven General Contractor's submitted bids. They are as follows: Clayton Construction \$1,064,819.00, FBI Construction \$985,000.00, Marand Construction \$985,000.00, North Lake Construction \$1,020,000.00, Sherman Construction \$1,047,000.00, Tungsten Construction \$1,031,358.00, and Welch Construction

\$970,000.00. It was the recommendation of the Administrator to award the bid to Welch Construction. Mr. Harper also mentioned Alternate #1, the paving of an additional parking lot in the amount of \$18,150.00. Motion was made by Mr. Floyd, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, and carried unanimously.

The Administrator told Council that he received a request from the Marion Investment Group in reference to multifamily development housing. Mr. Harper stated that Landmark Asset Services, Inc. is a new group that is nationally known for housing. He stated that the tract of land is located along E. Hwy 76 adjacent to an existing retail shopping development. Mr. Harper stated that Landmark is requesting a letter of support for affordable housing in Marion County. Council had several questions regarding this said matter. Mr. Bill Jolly, who is an investor, answered questions, and also presented a photo of an existing development. Mr. Jolly stated that rent will be based on income. The apartments will be a 48-unit development. The development consists of three residential buildings along with a community building. He stated that two-bedroom units will be 950 square feet and three-bedroom units 1,100 square feet. Motion was made by Mr. Floyd, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, and carried unanimously, to authorize Mr. Harper to write a letter of support for affordable housing in Marion County.

The Administrator told Council that Mr. Alan Smith with the Marion County Library will be leaving the County to take another position in Florence County.

The Administrator told Council that Mr. Joey Price with EMS had the new remounted ambulance outside. Mr. Harper asked Council to take few minutes to look at the finished product.

Vice Chairperson Smith thanked Mr. Alan Smith for his service and dedication to the citizens and especially the youth in Marion County. Chairman Collins also thanked Mr. Alan Smith for a job well done.

The Administrator presented to Council a report from Mr. Brandon Ellis in reference to the ice storm. Mr. Harper also told Council that the storm debris monitoring contractor is currently accepting applications from qualified candidates that are interested in temporary relief work in Marion County.

The Administrator asked Council's permission to be excused due to bereavement. On behalf of Council, Chairman Collins extended their condolences.

Mr. Troy asked Mr. Harper when the contractors will begin work on the West Mullins Drainage Project. Mr. Harper told Mr. Troy that bid packets have been sent out, but no date has been set regarding the bid opening.

Motion was made by Mr. Floyd, seconded by Mr. Shaw, and carried unanimously, to go into executive session for an economic development matter.

Motion was made by Mr. Troy, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, and carried unanimously, to close executive session and reopen the regular scheduled meeting. Chairman Collins stated that no action was taken during executive session called for an economic development matter.

There being no further business to discuss, motion was made by, Mr. Vice Chairperson Smith seconded by Mr. Floyd, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:52 P.M.

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Buddy Collins, Chairman

(absent)

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John Q. Atkinson, Jr.

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Simon Jenkins, Chaplain

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Milton W. Troy, II

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Charles L. McLain, III County Attorney

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Elista H. Smith Vice Chairperson

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Allen W. Floyd

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Thomas E. Shaw

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G. Timothy Harper, Administrator

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Sabrina Davis, Clerk to Council